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In re the Application of:

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For: TELESCOPIC SHAFT FOR VEHICLE STEERING

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and without any assertion as to materiality or prior art effect, the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are hereby cited.

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Documents AE and AF were also cited in the specification, on pages 2, 3, 8, 24, 29, 32, and 33, and their relevance is indicated therein.

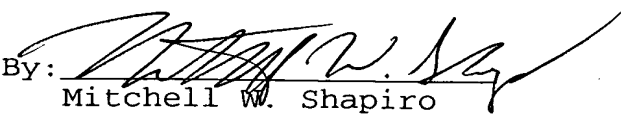
Applicants' Japanese representative has provided the attached comments regarding the relevance of Documents AL and AM.

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COMMENTS ON DOCUMENT AL (WO 99/08920)

The Figure and Abstract show that balls are disposed in the tube and the shaft.

COMMENTS ON DOCUMENT AM (EP 1167790)

Figures and claims in English show that balls are disposed between the tube and the shaft.

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